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**Subject:** RE: New Permit Number for New Permit

Hello,

For individual permits, Regional Boards can assign a permit number, but the State Board needs to verify the number in CIWQS and ICIS databases to prevent duplicates. The following instructions have been copied from the NPDES APM. I hope this helps.

Afrooz

**NPDES Program Identifiers**

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**Order Numbers**

Regional Water Boards assign their Order numbers using the following format: RZYYYY-XXXX. The Z is the placeholder for the Region number. The YYYY is the placeholder for the year and the XXXX is a chronological number that increases by 1 each time the Regional Water Board adopts an Order.

The State Water Board assigns its numbers using the following format: YYYY-XXXXDWQ. The YYYY is the placeholder for the year and the XXXX is a chronological number that increases by 1 each time the State Water Board adopts an Order.

**Resolution Numbers**

When the State or Regional Water Board adopts resolutions, the resolutions are given an associated number. These operate the same way as Order numbers and are assigned in the same manner.

**NPDES Numbers**

If a permit is issued to an NPDES discharger, there must be an NPDES number. NPDES permits should begin with the letters CA (for California). NPDES numbers should be unique and should be assigned in chronological order.

Individual storm water permits should have an "S" as the third character of the permit's NPDES number (e.g., CAS000123). "Master" storm water general permits should have an "R" as the third character (e.g., CAR000123). Non-storm water general permits should have a "G" as the third character (e.g., CAG000123). Individual NPDES permits do not need a letter as the third character (e.g., CA0000123).

Note: When a permit is renewed, the initial NPDES permit number carries over to the new permit.

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Hi Afrooz,

Do Regional Boards get permit numbers from the State Board?

It's a new permit in RB9 that is likely an individual permit.

Thanks,  
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